

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 remain in the application with claim 1 having been amended hereby.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the objection to the title.

A new title has been proposed hereby that is intended to be more clearly indicative of the novel features to which the claims are directed.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the objection to the disclosure as containing an informality.

The specification has been amended hereby to refer to reference numeral 17 in relation to Fig. 2c.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the objection to the drawings.

Submitted herewith is a corrected sheet of drawings in which Fig. 1 has the legend "Prior Art" added thereto. The replacement sheet is labeled replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes is also submitted herewith.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1-4 under 35 USC 102(e), as being anticipated by Suso et al.

As explained in the present specification, this invention is intended to provide a portable terminal unit, such as a cellular telephone, that includes a picture taking device, such as a camera, and a display. The picture taking device is located on the main case body of the portable terminal unit and the display is mounted on the lid. In order to provide

the ability for the user to monitor the picture that is being taken by the camera, a specialized hinge is provided, as shown in Fig. 4, that has two directions of rotation. In a first rotational direction, the lid is foldable relative to the case body and in a second rotational direction, which intersects perpendicularly with the first rotational direction, the lid portion can be rotated or spun around so that the display is facing in an opposite direction as in the first operable mode.

Thus, the lid portion is foldable in a first rotational direction by means of a hinge portion with respect to the case main body and the lid portion is rotatable by the hinge portion installed on the case body in a second rotational direction, which intersects perpendicularly with the first rotational direction.

Claim 1 has been amended hereby to emphasize the above-noted features of the present invention.

Suso et al. also relates to a portable terminal unit and Suso et al. provides a single hinge element having a rotatable shaft 7 so that communication device can be folded with the lid covering the keypad. A camera is installed on the rotary shaft.

As will be quickly seen from the drawings in Suso et al., Suso et al. provides only one direction of rotational movement that is, rotation about the rotary shaft on which the camera is mounted.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Suso et al. fails to anticipate the present invention as recited in amended claim 1.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 5-10 under 35 USC 103, as being unpatentable over Suso et al.

Claims 5-10 depend from claim 1, which for the reasons set forth hereinabove is thought to be patentably distinct over the cited reference and, for at least those very same reasons, claims 5-10 are also submitted to be patentably distinct.

As noted hereinabove, Suso et al. fails to disclose the lid and display that can be moved in first and second rotational directions, which rotational directions are mutually perpendicular.


Accordingly, by reason of the amendments made to the claims hereby, as well as the above remarks, it is respectfully submitted that a portable terminal unit having a lid portion that can be rotated in two rotational directions, as taught by the present invention and as recited in the amended claims, is neither shown nor suggested in the cited reference.

The references cited as of interest have been reviewed and are not seen to show or suggest the present invention as recited in the amended claims.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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FIG. 1  
(PRIOR ART)

